

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original abstract with the following paragraph:

In aspects, a portable breathing apparatus is provided that includes a face mask having a breathing valve, a blower for the supply of breathing air to the breathing valve via a supply line, a filter device for cleaning of the breathing air from the blower, and a compressed-air reservoir for alternative supply of breathing air to the breathing valve. Additionally, the breathing valve is a demand valve configured to supply pressure equal to or above an ambient pressure, a check-valve is arranged on the upstream side of the blower, and the compressed-air reservoir is provided with a pressure control valve for establishing an overpressure above the ambient pressure in the entire breathing system, wherein the pressure control valve is upstream of the breathing valve and downstream of the check valve, so that gas or liquid cannot penetrate into the system when breathing gas is supplied from the compressed-air reservoir.